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Slavery and Freedom

The Atlantic World

1. What were some of the sources of wealth in America during the colonial period?
2. What was the economic policy of European nations, during the era of discovery and colonization of the Americas, designed to make Europe rich and powerful?
3. How did England attempt to develop self-sufficiency during the colonial period?

The Sugar Islands

4. What evidence do we have that sugar was highly valued in colonial times?
5. Why was sugar called a “killer crop?”
6. What happened to runaway slaves after they were captured?
7. Where did the food eaten by the slaves on sugar plantations come from? Give some examples of this food.

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Indentured Servants

8. Where did England first look for a potential labor force?
9. Where did indentured servants come from?
10. Approximately what percentage of the English who came to the Chesapeake in the 1600's were indentured servants?
11. How old were the typical indentured servants? What was the typical term of servitude?
12. What were some the hardships of being an indentured servant?
13. Approximately what percentage of indentured servants lived long enough to be free?
14. Besides England, from which other countries did the colonists secure indentured servants?

Enslaved Africans

15. When did settlers from Jamestown purchase their first African slaves? From what source?

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16. Where were there free Africans in the 1630's in Colonial America? What do we know about them?
17. With what did white settlers begin to associate black skin?
18. What did some call the commodity that became so valuable that it was second, in value, only to sugar in the New World?
19. How many Africans were brought to the New World?
20. What percentage of the population was represented by African Americans in British mainland colonies in 1775?
21. Where did 90% of the African Americans live in 1775?

The Deep South

22. In what ways were colonists in South Carolina dependent upon African expertise and knowhow?
23. What was "Gullah" or "Creole"?

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The Atlantic Slave Trade

24. Describe some of the horrors of the Middle Passage.

25. What happened in New York in 1712?

26. What was the impact of the slave trade on Africans in Africa?

The Growth of Self-Government

27. What was the name of the elected legislature of colonial Virginia, established in 1619?

28. What was the agreement established by the Pilgrims in which they pledged to form a government and follow the rules of the group? Why was this significant? (Give two reasons)

29. What gathering became a model of “democratic self-government?”

30. What type of government structures were afforded by each of the following:
Monarchy:

Aristocracy:

Democracy:

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31. What were some ways in which the colonies exercised self-government?
32. What were some of the restrictions placed on the New England colonies by Sir Edmund Andros?
33. What was the “Glorious Revolution?”
34. What were the two things that most distinguished English from American politics?

The Great Awakening

35. Who began preaching “fiery sermons” in Northampton, MA in 1734?
36. Why was the Great Awakening one of the most important events in American colonial history?

The New American

37. What was true about half the population south of New England in 1775?
38. Who came to “embody” the New American characteristics more than anyone else?

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39. What were some of the advantages the typical American had over the typical English citizen?

Reflection Question

40. How was slavery incompatible with the growing sense of what it meant to be American